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Game Openings: Diplomacy!

There are so many things to talk about this month! Dipcon coming to San Antonio, Powell's resignation from the Supreme Court, the nomination of Robert Bork, Dipcon up in Madison, and the Special Session of the Legislature are all possible topics.

I guess I should start with the news that Dipcon for 1988 will be in San Antonio, and that Pete Gaughan, Stephen Wilcox and I are serving on the Administrative Committee. We are planning on having a great con, and we look forward to hearing all of your suggestions on how we can make it great! The first question that I want all of you to answer is an easy one: What will it take to get you to San Antonio in July 1988?

If you want more information, or you want to volunteer some time (see how optimistic we are?), just let me know. We will have plenty of gaming and plenty of other attractions, so make an effort to come on down.

Dipcon in Madison was outstanding, and I am not just saying that because I actually placed this time! Mark Frueh, Marc and Debi Peters, James Wall, and Matt Fleming all did a great job of hosting and the whole weekend was really enjoyable.

Our own David Hood won the title of North American Diplomacy Champion for 1987, so I hope you will all congratulate him. I took a distant second (so distant that had I eliminated David in the final game he still would have won!), and Mark Frueh took third. Frueh also won the Titan tournament (was there ever any doubt?). To get the full con results and pictures and articles concerning the con, write Frueh at 4320 Wallace, St. Louis MO 63116. I am not sure what he is going to charge for the con yearbook that he is putting together, but it will be well worth the price.

I got to meet a lot of people I had only written to, including Bruce Linsey, Morgan Gurley, James Wall, Eric Diamond (who knew that he had talked Russ Blau into stabbing me in Andy Panda and never said a word!), David Anderson, and the others mentioned above. That isn't close to the number of people I actually met, but that does pretty much cover the group that had spaghetti at the Peter's Sunday night.

Sunday night was particularly interesting because we got to do a little of everything. James Wall, Morgan Gurley and I got into a heated political discussion (with Morgan trying to moderate!) on

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state regulation of personal habits (seat belts, marijuana, etc.). Then we had a great dinner that Debi and Brux prepared. Morgan will probably whine about having done something with the salad, but I didn't have any of the salad so he's out of luck.

After dinner we decided to play a couple of games before turning in. Several of us had to catch the 5:00 a.m. bus to Chicago so we wanted to get some sleep. Naturally, that didn't happen. After learning a couple of simple card games, like Naval Wars and Family Business, Frueh and a few others headed downstairs for Titan. Jeff Zarse offered to GM a blind Gunboat game and nearly died when I drew France. (Why does Zarse laugh every time he sees me?)

After Gunboat I found Circus Maximus, probably the worst game ever invented. I got creamed twice at ArlingCon by choosing fast horses and good drivers. This time was going to be different. I got a heavy cart and proceeded to bash everyone I saw. On the second corner I bashed another cart, resulting in my flipping. Obviously nothing in that game works. By the time that game was over it was 4:00 a.m., time enough for a shower and a trip to the bus stop.

And we had to drag Frueh away from the Titan game to drive us to the bus.

One interesting thing about the tournament is that in two of my games my ally won the best country award. I was allied with the best Russia as Turkey in round 2 and with the best England as France in round 4. I guess that should make me eligible for best ally!

On the political front, we are still fighting over the state budget with no end in sight. The House passed an appropriations bill and a tax bill that the Comptroller doesn't think is large enough to cover it. It doesn't matter much anyway, since the Governor has vowed to veto the tax bill. We may still be in session in December. The good news is that my boss, Republican State Representative Terral Smith, was named one of the Ten Best Legislators by Texas Monthly magazine. The TM list is taken pretty seriously, and it is quite an honor. He was singled out for the excellent work he did with his committee, and as the research clerk for the committee I get to take some of that credit!

President Reagan got his third appointment to the Supreme Court when moderate Lewis Powell resigned. Powell is the judge that voted for the right to privacy to allow abortions and against the right to privacy to allow consenting adults to perform certain sexual acts in their homes. Now that's a moderate. Robert Bork is the nominee, and unless they find any serious skeletons he will be confirmed.

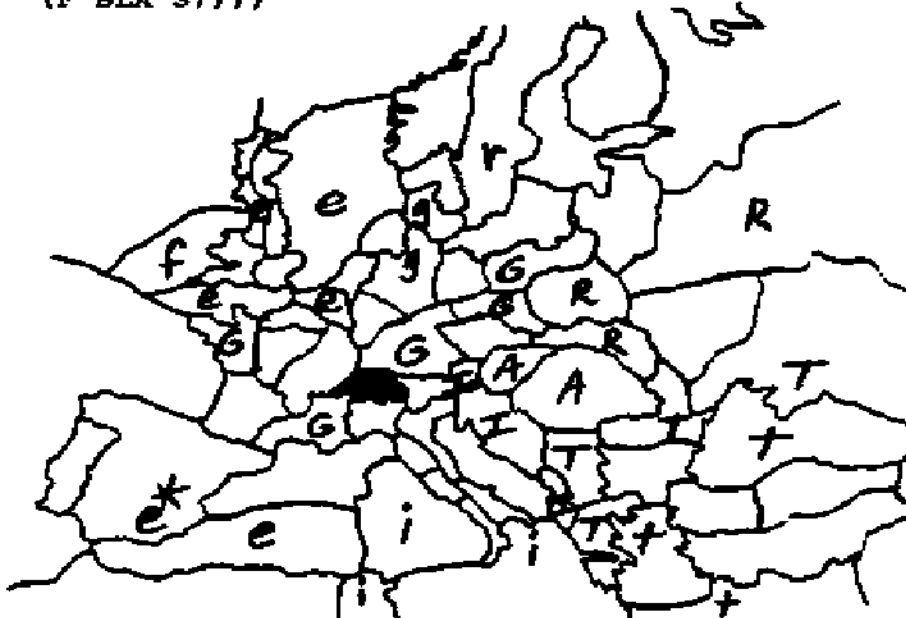
Though I am sure Bork would have held that the state governments can regulate the availability of contraceptives, abortion, or just about anything else a state might want to regulate, I don't think he would overturn the previous Supreme Court decisions without strong action by the legislatures first. He has frequently taken the position that most of the decisions are political questions to be decided by Congress or the States. He also advocates a limited role for the court and the federal government.

So far, I have to say he is a good choice, especially in the year we are celebrating the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

SAM DONALDSON
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SPRING 1907

AUSTRIA A BUD S Ita A Tri-Ser (NSO) (A VIE S)
ENGLAND F Hol-NTH, F Lon-ENG (F BEL S), F Lvp-WAL, F WES-Spa(sc)
(F MID S)
FRANCE F Eng-Mid (Ret. IRI, PIC, OTB), A SPA S Ger A Mar-Gas
(NSO)
GERMANY A Boh-MUN, A MAR H, A Par-BRE, F Den-KIE, F SWE H, A
Pru-WAR (A SIL S)
ITALY A Ven-TYO, F Lyo-TYH, F ION-Aeg, A Gre-Ser (Ret. ALB,
OTB) (A TRI S (F ADR S))
RUSSIA F NWY H, A WAR S A Ukr (A MOS, A UKR S)
TURKEY F Smy-EAS, A Bul-GRE (F AEG, A SER S (A RUM S (A SEV S
(F BLA S))))



FALL 1907

AUSTRIA A BUD S Ita A Tri-Ser (A VIE S)
ENGLAND F Wal-LVP, F Mid-SPA(sc) (F WES S), F ENG-Mid, F
NTH-Eng, F BEL-Hol
FRANCE Retreat F Eng-IRI; F IRI-Mid, A Spa S Ger A Mar-Gas
(Ret. GAS, POR, OTB)
GERMANY A BRE H, A MAR H, A MUN H, A SIL H, A PRU H, F Swe-DEN,
F KIE-Hol
ITALY Retreat A Gre-ALB; F Ion-TUN, A ADR-ION (F TYH S), A
TRI-Ser (A ALB S), A TYO-Tri
RUSSIA A Ukr-GAL (A WAR S (A MOS S)), F NWY-SWE
TURKEY F EAS-ION, A SER S A RUM (A GRE S (F AEG S) A RUM S (A
SEV S (F BLA S)))

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

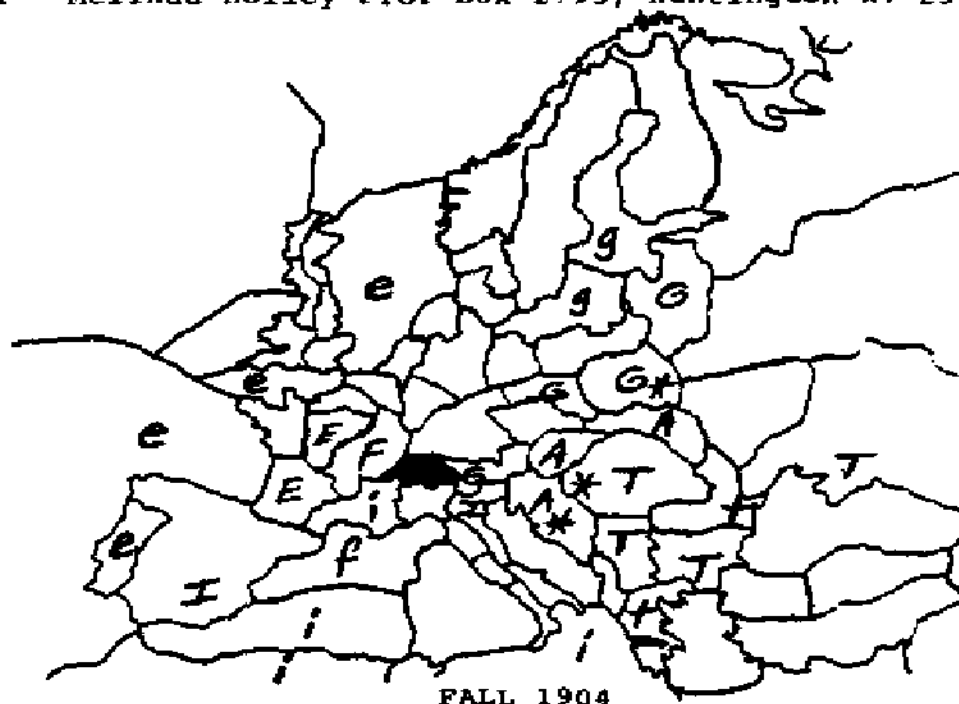
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|---------|-------------------------------|---|-----|
| AUSTRIA | Vie, BUD, tri | 2 | -- |
| ENGLAND | Home, Bel, Hol, SPA, bre | 6 | -- |
| FRANCE | Por, spa | 1 | -1* |
| GERMANY | Home, Den, Par, Mar, BRE, swe | 7 | -- |
| ITALY | Home, Tun, Tri, gre | 5 | -1 |
| RUSSIA | Mos, Stp, War, Nwy, SWE | 5 | +1 |
| TURKEY | Home, Bul, Rum, Sev, Ser, GRE | 8 | +1 |

* May be even due to retreats

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1907 AND SPRING 1908 IS JULY 22, 1987

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RUSSIA, FRANCE OUT; AUSTRIA HANGS ON

AUSTRIA Retreat A Bud-GAL; A Tyo-TRI (A VIE S), A GAL S Tur A Rum-Bud
 ENGLAND A Bre-GAS (A PAR S), F Mid-POR, F Nat-MID (F ENG S), F Lon-NTH
 FRANCE A Gas-BUR, F LYO S Ita F Mar-Spa (NSO)
 GERMANY A Pru-WAR (A SIL S), A Mun-TYO, F BAL H, F BOT H, A LVN-Mos
 ITALY Retreat A Tyo-VEN; A SPA MS F MAR, F Wes-NAF, F Tyh-WES, F ION H, A Bud S Tur A Rum-Gal (ANN) (A Tri S (Ret. ALB, OTB) (A VEN S))
 RUSSIA Phantom Russian force in Warsaw vanishes in the face of retreating Turks and advancing Germans.
 TURKEY F Aeg-GRE (A BUL S), A Arm-SEV, A Rum-BUD, A SER S Aus A Tyo-Tri, F Bla-RUM, A War-Mos (Ret. UKR, OTB)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

| | | | | |
|---------|---|-------|----|-----|
| AUSTRIA | Vie, TRI, bud, rum | ----- | 2 | -1 |
| ENGLAND | Home, Nwy, Bel, Stp, Bre, PAR, POR | ----- | 9 | +2 |
| FRANCE | pax, por | ----- | 0 | -2 |
| GERMANY | Home, Swe, Den, Hol, WAR | ----- | 7 | +1 |
| ITALY | Home, Mar, Tun, Spa, gre, tri | ----- | 6 | -2* |
| RUSSIA | war | ----- | 0 | -1 |
| TURKEY | Home, Bul, Sev, Ser, Mos, GRE, BUD, RUM | ----- | 10 | +3 |

* Removals may be affected by retreats

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1904 AND SPRING 1905 IS AUGUST 7, 1987

DAVID BRINKLEY
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FALL 1903

AUSTRIA F Alb-GRE, A Bud-TRI (A SER S), A Vie-Tyo (Ret. BUD, OTB)
ENGLAND F Nth-HEL (F DEN S), A Yor-LON, F Swe-BAL, F NWY-Stp
FRANCE A Bur-RUH (A HOL S (A BEL S (F ENG S))), A Spa-GAS, A Mar-BUR
GERMANY F Hel-KIE, A Kie-MUN, A Mun-SIL, A BOH S ITA A Tyo-Vie (NSO)
ITALY F ION-Nap, F Nap-ROM, A Tri-VIE (A TYO S)
RUSSIA Retreat F Nwy-STP(nc); F STP U (H), A GAL-Ukr (A WAR S), A LVN-Mos
TURKEY Retreat F Ion-TYR; F TYR-Nap, F AEG-Ion, A SEV-Mos (A UKR S (A RUM S (F BUL(ec) S)))

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

| | | | |
|---------|--------------------------|---|-----|
| AUSTRIA | Bud, Ser, Gre, TRI, vie | 4 | --- |
| ENGLAND | Home, Den, Swe, NWY | 6 | +1 |
| FRANCE | Home, Spa, Bel, Por, HOL | 7 | +1 |
| GERMANY | Home | 3 | -1 |
| ITALY | Home, Tun, VIE, tri | 5 | --- |
| RUSSIA | Mos, Stp, War, nwy | 3 | -1 |
| TURKEY | Home, Bul, Rum, Sev | 6 | -- |

*Austria may retreat OTB and then build one; Italy may build one due to a Spring annihilation.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1903 AND SPRING 1904 IS JULY 22, 1987

Proposed for next time: F/I and G/I/R draws. Vote on each with your orders. If it looks like nothing happened, it is because nothing happened. FOUR PEOPLE NMRd!!! If two weeks is too short, let me know and I will take this to monthly deadlines.

PRESS FOR RASPBERRY

AUS-ITA: Ooooooops!
GME-AUS: Step in something?
FRA-GME: Can we pack our bags yet? Please? I've got a boat to catch ...
GME-EXILE: I don't think you had time to pack.
ITA-GME: Derwood didn't even give Derwood a ride to Madison, unfortunately. If you land Dipcon next year, I'll try to combine a visit to my brother in Houston and a trip down.
GME-ITA: But I don't need a ride to San Antonio! Well, come anyway, and bring your brother. Not to mention the little women in Spock!

PRESS FOR RESTON

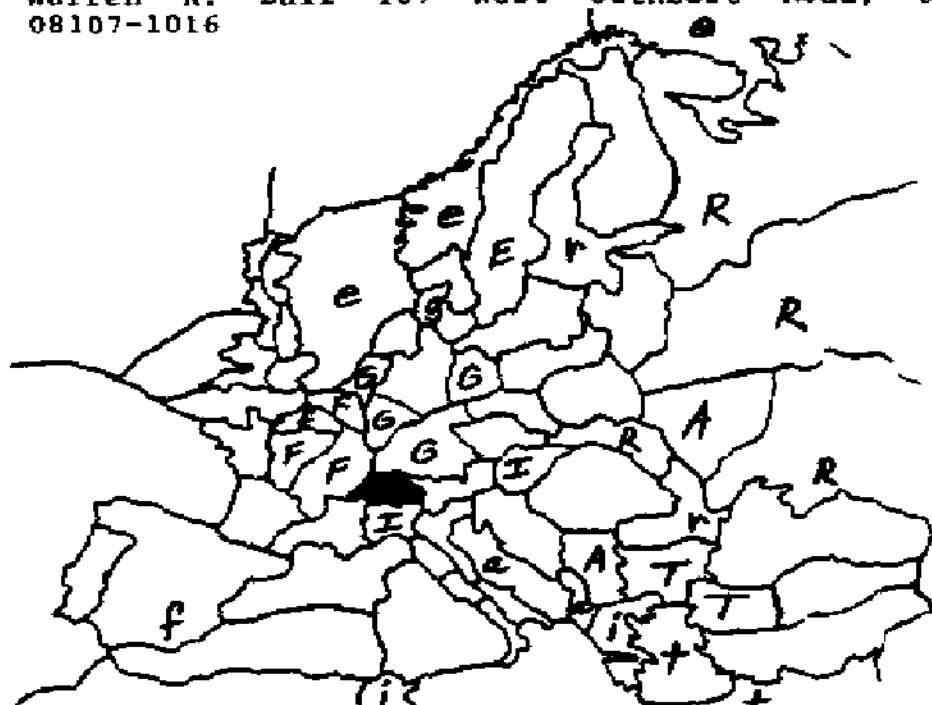
ITA-FRA,TUR: You guys just had to bring fleets down after I warned you not to!
GME-ITA: Maybe they hadn't thought about moving their fleets your way until you brought it up. You have to be careful not to give these people ideas!

PRESS FOR SPOCK

ITA-FRA: Thanks for the letter! I may consider it depending on how things turn out this season. One never knows for sure what'll happen, so I'm not making any promises, but I do appreciate the letter and may well write you soon. In either case, no hard feelings, okay?

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FALL 1902

AUSTRIA HELPS ITALY; ITALY HELPS HIMSELF; F/G BOUNCE IN BURGUNDY

Austria F ADR S Ita F Tun-Ion, A SER, F ALB S Ita F Ion-Gre, A UKR-Sev
 England F Nwg-NTH, F BAR Stp(nc) (F Nwy S (A SWE S))
 France F SPA(sc)-Mar, A MAR-Bur (A PAR, A BEL S (F PIC S))
 Germany A HOL-Bel, F DEN-Kie, A BER-Kie, A MUN-Bur (A RUH S)
 Italy F Ion-GRE, F TUN-Ion, A PIE-Mar, A VIE-Bud
 Russia Reterat F Swe-BOT, A STP H (F BOT S), F RUM H (A SEV S), A MOS-Ukr, A GAL-Bud
 Turkey A BUL S Rus F Rum (A CON S), F EAS-Ion (F AEG S)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

| | | | |
|---------|---------------------|-------|------|
| AUSTRIA | Bud, Tri, Ser, vie | ----- | 3 -1 |
| ENGLAND | Home, Nwy, SWE | ----- | 5 +1 |
| FRANCE | Home, Bel, Por, SPA | ----- | 6 +1 |
| GERMANY | Home, Hol, Den | ----- | 5 -- |
| ITALY | Home, Tun, VIE, GRE | ----- | 6 +2 |
| RUSSIA | Home, Rum, swe | ----- | 5 -1 |
| TURKEY | Home, Bul | ----- | 4 -- |

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ITALY AND ENGLAND EACH TAKE ONE FROM RUSSIA

England A Bel-NWY (F NTH C, F BAR S, F SWE S (F DEN S)), A BER H (F BAL S), F ENG S Fre F Mid
 France Retreat A Mun-BUR; F MID H, F SPA-Lyo, A MAR-Spa (A GAS S), A RUH-Mun (A BUR S)
 Italy F Con-BUL(ec), A Ven-TYO, A Apu-VEN, A Bud-RUM (A SER S), F LYO-Spa, F WES-Mid (F NAF S), F TUN-Wes, A PIE-Mar, A MUN S Rus A Pru-Ber
 Russia Retreat A Ber-PRU; A BOH S Ita A Mun, A STP H, A Gal-WAR, F Rum-SEV, A PRU-Ber, A SIL-Ber, A FIN-Swe (F BOT S)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

| | | | |
|---------|---|-------|-------|
| ENGLAND | Home, Hol, Den, Nwy, Kie, Swe, BER | ----- | 9 +1 |
| FRANCE | Par, Bre, Por, Spa, Bel, MAR, mun | ----- | 6 -- |
| ITALY | Home, Tun, Ser, Gre, Ank, Smy, Tri, Con, Bul, MUN | ----- | |
| | RUM, mar | ----- | 13 +1 |
| RUSSIA | Home, Vie, Bud, ber, rum | ----- | 6 -2 |

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1909 AND SPRING 1910 IS AUGUST 7, 1987

Proposal: The E/F/I/R draw failed with one aye and three nays.

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FALL 1903

England Retreat F Nth-EDI; A NWY H, F Bar-NWG (F EDI S)
 SKA-Nth
 France A Mar-SPA (F MID S), A BUR-Mar
 Germany A Hol-LON (F NTH C (F HEL S)), A Pic-BRE, F Kie-DEN,
 MUN-Bur
 Italy A Boh-SIL, A BUD H, A Vie-TYO, F Tyh-LYO, F WES-Mid
 PIE-Mar
 Russia Retreat F Rum-SEV; A Pin-STP (A LVN S), F SEV H (A
 S), F Bot-SWE
 Turkey A ARM-Sev (A RUM S (A SER S)), F Con-BLA, F Gre-ION
 Ion-TYH

1903 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

| | | | |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------|---|
| ENGLAND | Edi, Lvp, nwy | ----- | 2 |
| FRANCE | Par, Spa, Mar, POR | ----- | 4 |
| GERMANY | Home, Bel, Den, Hol, Bre, Lon | ----- | 8 |
| ITALY | Home, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud | ----- | 7 |
| RUSSIA | Mos, War, Stp, Swe, NWY, sev | ----- | 5 |
| TURKEY | Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, SEV | ----- | 8 |

* May build two due to annihilations.

FALL 1904

England NMRI F EDI U, F NAT U, F SKA U
 France A Bur-MAR (A SPA S (F POR S))
 Germany A Mun-SIL (A BER S), A GAS S Fre A Bur-Mar, A Ruh-MUN,
 Hel-NTH (F DEN S), A YOR-Edi, F ENG-Mid
 Italy A Bud-GAL (A BOH S), A VEN S Tur A Tri-Tyo, A PIE-Mar
 LYO S), A Sil-War (Ret. PRU, OTB), F WES-Mid
 Russia A NWY H, A Ukr-Mos (ANN), A WAR-Mos, F SWE-Ska
 Turkey A Bul-RUM, A Rum-UKR (A SEV S (F BLA S)), A Tri-TYO,
 Tun-NAF, F TYH-Wes

DEADLINE FOR WINTER AND SPRING 1904 IS AUGUST 7, 1987

There are a few questions about this adjudication that I need get cleared up before the game can proceed, and I also need get all of you on my publishing schedule. Sorry about t additional delay. First off, Steve didn't call a standby f England, and it may be that England NMR'd because his address h changed. Please note that a standby was called. Second, wh happened to Randy Ellis? Third, I assume from the positions , the units that the Spring season was actually played, but since didn't ever get a copy of it I can't be sure. Finally, the were some small discrepancies in the supply center chart which think have been rectified above. You need to check with Ste concerning your NMR deposit; I don't require one.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS

| Votes Available | | | | | | Issue stands | | | | | | | | | |
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| ISSUE | ++ | + | ? | - | -- | ISSUE | SB | SE | CO | SM | BA | BB | JH | NAH | NH |
| 1 | 198 | 265 | 397 | 265 | 198 | 1 | + | ? | ? | + | | | + | + | -- |
| 2 | 194 | 275 | 404 | 420 | 323 | 2 | - | + | ++ | - | | | - | - | - |
| 3 | 198 | 265 | 397 | 265 | 198 | 3 | - | + | + | - | | | + | - | - |
| 4 | 404 | 525 | 505 | 344 | 243 | 4 | ? | - | -- | ++ | | | + | -- | + |
| 5 | 154 | 206 | 309 | 206 | 154 | 5 | - | + | ? | - | | | + | - | + |
| 6 | 123 | 175 | 257 | 268 | 206 | 6 | - | ? | -- | + | | | -- | ++ | ++ |
| 7 | 303 | 404 | 606 | 404 | 303 | 7 | -- | - | -- | -- | + | | - | + | ? |
| 8 | 198 | 265 | 397 | 265 | 198 | 8 | - | + | -- | + | | | -- | + | + |
| 9 | 303 | 404 | 606 | 404 | 303 | 9 | ++ | - | - | ? | - | | - | - | -- |
| 10 | 194 | 275 | 404 | 420 | 323 | 10 | ++ | ? | - | - | | | - | + | - |
| 11 | 123 | 175 | 257 | 268 | 206 | 11 | + | ++ | - | - | | | ? | -- | ? |
| 12 | 546 | 606 | 404 | 263 | 202 | 12 | -- | ? | ++ | + | + | | ++ | ++ | + |
| 13 | 243 | 323 | 485 | 323 | 243 | 13 | ++ | - | - | + | | | + | + | ? |
| 14 | 529 | 344 | 225 | 132 | 93 | 14 | -- | ? | ++ | + | | | ? | - | + |
| 15 | 243 | 323 | 485 | 323 | 243 | 15 | - | - | ? | + | - | | - | - | + |
| 16 | 154 | 206 | 309 | 206 | 154 | 16 | + | + | ++ | + | | | - | + | ++ |
| 17 | 123 | 175 | 257 | 268 | 206 | 17 | ++ | - | ++ | | | | + | ++ | ? |
| 18 | 404 | 525 | 505 | 344 | 243 | 18 | + | + | ++ | + | | | + | ++ | - |
| 19 | 323 | 420 | 404 | 275 | 194 | 19 | -- | - | ? | ++ | + | | ++ | ? | + |
| 20 | 198 | 265 | 397 | 265 | 198 | 20 | + | + | ? | - | | | -- | -- | - |

| | | | | | | | | | | | NATIONAL DEBATE VOTE TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Turn 0 | | | | | | | | | | | Republicans | | | | | Democrats | | | | | |
| | ELB | LAB | FARM | POOR | URB | M/W | MIL | CON | ECO | BUS | ISSUE | SB | SE | CO | SM | BA | BB | JH | NAH | NH | |
| SB | 5.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 6.00 | 5.33 | 1.00 | 6.00 | 1 | 66.25 | 198.5 | 198.5 | 66.25 | | | 66.25 | 66.25 | 198 | |
| | ++ | -- | | -- | | -- | ++ | ++ | -- | ++ | 2 | | 84 | 275 | 194 | 84 | | 84 | 84 | 84 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 66.25 | 88.33 | 88.33 | 66.25 | | | 88.33 | 66.25 | 66.25 | |
| SE | 3.10 | 2.86 | 1.60 | 2.46 | 1.83 | 3.18 | 4.00 | 4.80 | 2.53 | 3.85 | 4 | | 505 | 344 | 121.5 | 404 | | 262.5 | 121.5 | 262.5 | |
| | ? | ? | - | - | - | ? | + | ++ | ? | + | 5 | 68.66 | 68.66 | 309 | 68.66 | | | 68.66 | 68.66 | 68.66 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | 268 | 257 | 163 | 175 | | 103 | 61.5 | 61.5 | |
| CO | 3.20 | 1.60 | 3.00 | 2.67 | 4.50 | 1.75 | 3.17 | 3.22 | 4.14 | 4.14 | 7 | 101 | 202 | 101 | 101 | 202 | | 202 | 202 | 606 | |
| | ? | - | ? | ? | ++ | - | ? | ? | + | + | 8 | | 265 | 66.25 | 99 | 66.25 | | 99 | 66.25 | 66.25 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 303 | 80.8 | 80.8 | 606 | 80.8 | | 80.8 | 80.8 | 303 | |
| SM | 4.80 | 2.60 | 4.60 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 1.50 | 3.00 | 3.67 | 2.86 | 5.14 | 10 | | 194 | 404 | 105 | 105 | | 105 | 275 | 105 | |
| | ++ | ? | ++ | - | - | - | ? | + | ? | ++ | 11 | | 175 | 123 | 134 | 134 | | 128.5 | 206 | 128.5 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 202 | 404 | 182 | 202 | 202 | | 182 | 182 | 202 | |
| BA | 2.00 | 3.00 | 2.80 | 3.67 | 4.33 | 4.50 | 3.40 | 2.22 | 3.17 | 2.71 | 13 | | 243 | 161.5 | 161.5 | 107.6 | | 107.6 | 107.6 | 485 | |
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| BB | | | | | | | | | | | 16 | | 51.5 | 51.5 | 77 | 51.5 | | 206 | 51.5 | 77 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 17 | | 41 | 268 | 41 | | | 175 | 41 | 257 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 18 | | 131.2 | 131.2 | 202 | 131.2 | | 131.2 | 202 | 344 | |
| JH | 2.40 | 2.80 | 3.60 | 2.67 | 2.25 | 3.75 | 3.50 | 2.67 | 3.14 | 4.00 | 19 | 194 | 275 | 404 | 161.5 | 140 | | 161.5 | 140 | 140 | |
| | - | ? | + | ? | - | + | + | ? | ? | + | 20 | | 132.5 | 132.5 | 397 | 132.5 | | 99 | 99 | 132.5 | |
| NAH | 2.80 | 2.80 | 2.20 | 3.00 | 3.75 | 3.00 | 4.33 | 2.22 | 2.71 | 3.00 | TOTAL | 800 | 2426 | 3934 | 3991 | 2469 | | 0 | 2543 | 2334 | 3920 |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | PLACE | 3rd | 2nd | 1st | | 3rd | 2nd | | 1st | | |
| NH | 2.40 | 2.80 | 3.00 | 4.67 | 4.25 | 3.00 | 2.17 | 2.00 | 4.14 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Above are the results of the National Debate round of PP in the LOM game as I have figured them. As you can tell by SIG ratings, Simon Billenness is going for the traditional Republican voting blocs, but he is sacrificing some issue votes to do so. It is an interesting strategy and I am looking forward to seeing how well it works. I'm not sure how realistic it is to tell the voters and SIGs that you haven't decided on 80% of the issues and still get a highly favorable rating from them, but then again maybe its very realistic!

LETTER COLUMN

Peter Sullivan (6/16/87 UK)

The general election is now over, and we've got a Conservative government still. Interesting to see Ronald Reagan 'endorse' Mrs. Thatcher at the Venice Summit; I'm not sure this was terribly helpful to her. There is always a strong current of anti-American feeling in this country, and it doesn't pay to try and interfere in our elections. By Gad, sir, the C.I.A. may destabilize unfriendly governments in Central America, but they won't do it here!

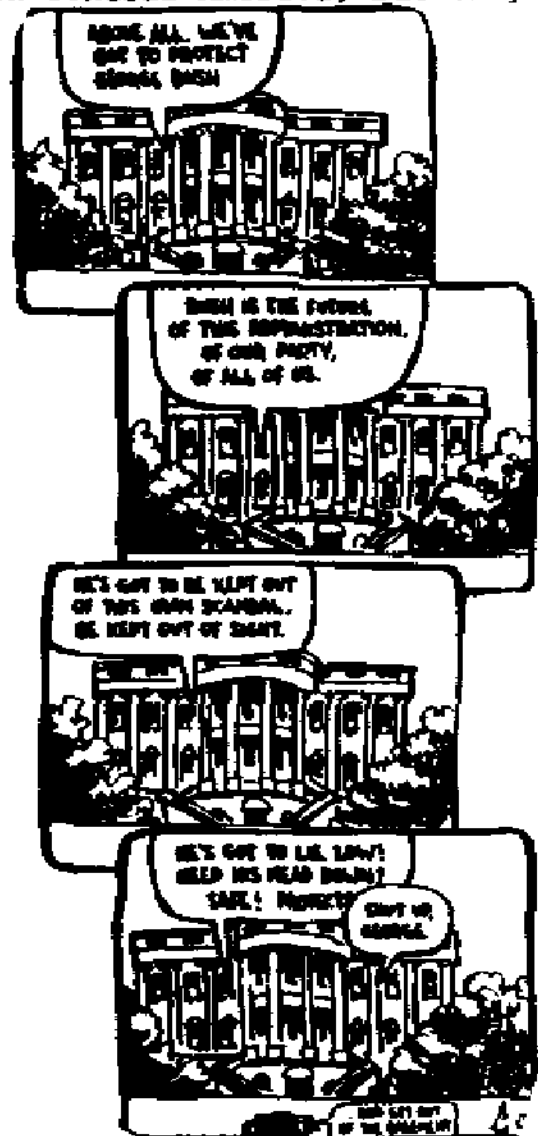
It's not as if Reagan is particularly liked here; most people see him as a stupid old man. Anti-Reagan jokes have been the order of the day ever since 1980, from all sides of the political sphere. (This is of course, unfair; you don't get re-elected whilst running the biggest budget deficit in history without being a pretty shrewd operator. Even if Reagan is nothing more than a great communicator, he is at least that.)

Who do you reckon for the Democratic and Republican nominations next year, then? With all the 'big names' in this country gone (Kennedy, Cuomo, Hart) the Democratic nomination seems wide open from over here. On the Republican side, what we're getting of the Irangate hearings seems to suggest that Bush is going to suffer even more than ol' Ronnie; the best thing for Bush would be if Reagan were to drop dead, and he could fight 1988 as the incumbent. Plenty of time to go yet, however. Don't you ever wish you had a nice, compact, three-week campaigns like us?

[[Sometimes. I saw a cute cartoon the other day. Wife says, "The newspaper has a list of the 88 Presidential candidates." Husband thinks for a while and says, "I only count 85."

Bush isn't going to be substantially hurt unless he actually did something illegal. I don't see it. If anything, being involved with the Contras may make Bush look more macho. His wimpy, preppy image is his greatest flaw, though it may win the yuppie vote. (As the editor suppresses the need to make a comment concerning Pete and Cathy Gaughan.)

I don't see any serious challengers to Bush and the real race for the Republicans will be for Vice President. B. Dole won't take it, though E. Dole might. Laxalt would be an interesting choice, though DuPont would be a better geographical balance. Kemp is still my choice for a running mate. It really depends on what they need to counter in the Democratic nominations.



Here are my current, official predictions: Gephart wins Iowa with 32%; Dukakais wins New Hampshire with 40%; Jackson gets 25% in the Southern Super Tuesday, Gore 23%, Gephart 22%, Dukakis 20%, and the rest split among the also rans. From that point on it will stay a horse race, with the nomination decided in a bitter convention floor fight. Gephart gets the nomination, wants Gore as his running mate but gets stuck with Dukakis. Jackson forces some major concessions on the platform, but is once again frozen out of the actual selection process, disillusioning millions of black voters who don't show up in November.



Aide George Phillips wipes sweat off U.S. Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., Monday as Gore greets supporters in Carthage.

Gore is the best Democratic candidate, but he doesn't have a chance unless he clearly wins the Southern Super Tuesday. I say he is the best candidate because he is the most electable. He is everything that Reagan is not, and can still lay claim to conservative positions. He isn't an ideological stretch from the policies that the voters approved in 1984, but he is a rejection of Reagan. A vote for Gore can be both a vote for and against Reagan. But then who wants a President who has an official sweat-wiper?

(I don't know what this man thinks he is doing, but he had better stop it if he is serious about getting Gore elected President!)

Getting re-elected with a huge budget deficit is probably easier than getting re-elected with a balanced budget. As long as the government keeps spending money the incumbents keep getting re-elected.]]

Steve Emmert (6/8/87)

I really must respond to you guest column last month. Perhaps there are so-called activist judges, but I haven't found any here in Virginia. Do all of the "lawless judges" (this, in my mind, is an outrageous characterization, and deserves little or no credence) to which Sowell refers sit in the same courtroom in the District of Columbia?

It may be that strict construction is Sowell's ideal, as it is that of Ed Meese. If so, would he disagree with the Supreme Court's decision in Brown v. Mississippi, a 1920's precursor to Miranda, in which Brown was tortured in order to obtain a confession? The Mississippi Supreme Court reversed the conviction without dissent. What a bunch of activists they were.

Strict construction of a document such as the Constitution is a bad idea for several reasons, one of which is that it tends to elevate the document to near-religious importance, if I may use a crude simile. Another is the plain fact that times change, and the needs of the next generation (or the next century) may not be served adequately by an eighteenth century document, however well conceived. We've had nearly thirty changes so far, so it never

has been perfect. The law should be dynamic, not static, or the result, as we have seen in the past, is social upheaval, which is usually accompanied by violence.

Did you notice that none of the sweeping generalizations which appear in Sowell's column are backed up by any examples? In fact, the only concrete example in the entire essay deals with medical care for terminally ill minors, and even that statement is a derivative one, from unspecified individual cases. Only the gullible are persuaded by conclusionary statements without factual support.

[I am not going to say that I completely agree with Sowell or his method of argument. But I will ask one major question: If we allow the court to interpret the Constitution's "Spirit" as opposed to its language, how is the Court at all limited? The Constitution was meant to be a fair and just document, so anything that is unfair or unjust in the eyes of 5 of the nine justices is therefore unconstitutional. And how do you overturn a court decision? Amendments won't work, because they get to interpret the spirit of the amendment!]

It is certainly true that the Constitution could not have served the 20th century in its 18th century form, and that the combination of amendments and judicial decisions has helped the transition. But what you advocate is amendment by the court and Sowell advocates amendment by the Congress and the people. I have to agree with Sowell on that point.

As to the case that you cite, I could make that unconstitutional on its face! There is a prohibition in the fifth amendment against forcing an individual to testify against himself, and the fourteenth amendment prohibits the states from restricting the privileges and immunities of a citizen of the United States. In the Slaughterhouse cases the Supreme Court said that the language of the 14th amendment referred to the Federal privileges and immunities. Subsequent interpretations of that decision have emasculated it by saying that there aren't any federal immunities and privileges. I would have interpreted that to mean that the 14th amendment incorporated the Bill of Rights. The judges have since incorporated most of the Bill of Rights through selective incorporation, and as a result have come up with some pretty screwy decisions. Miranda may be one of them. I don't understand why you can be arrested and convicted for breaking a law that you had no idea existed, but if the cop forgets to tell you that you have the right to remain silent the conviction can then be thrown out. Selective incorporation also resulted in the exclusionary rule, where evidence obtained illegally cannot be used. I guess the Supreme Court has decided that two wrongs make things right. If a police officer violates someone's rights by making an unlawful search and seizure, and finds solid evidence against that person, under the exclusionary rule the criminal goes free and the cop goes free. Why not punish both? Admit the evidence and file charges against the cop. The recent 'refinement' makes it even worse! If the police violate your rights in 'good faith' then the evidence is admitted and nothing happens to the cop.

To get back to the original point, the whole reason for having a written Constitution is to restrict the actions of the government. If the courts aren't restricted in interpreting the documents as they are written, what's the point in writing them? If that makes me a strict constructionist, then so be it.}]

GUEST FEUILLETONIST -- Mike Kelley

Light moments in dark affairs

I had the pleasure of meeting a lawyer ... check that. I had the pleasure Wednesday night of meeting a fellow named Joe Heffington, who happens to be a lawyer. I had the great pleasure of hearing him say, "I sure do get a kick out of those things you reprint from that federal judge." And I had the extreme pleasure of coming to work the next morning ... check that, next day, and finding this months offering from Judge Jerry Buchmeyer in the Texas Bar Journal.

Says his honor, "The premise of this series: Whatever you do, settle the case! Don't go to trial or you might find yourself in the Little Court of Horrors facing The Witnesses."

After granting a divorce to an elderly couple -- he was in his 80s, she was in her late 70s -- the judge just had to ask why they had waited so long to get a divorce.

A. (by husband) Because of the children. We didn't want to embarrass them, so we waited until they were all dead.

Q. Mrs. Smith, you have already admitted in your evidence that you had sex with the correspondent in London and on at least two occasions in Ottawa. Did you have any relations in Toronto?

A. No, but I have a brother and sister living in Sarnia.

A witness in a Canadian divorce case testified that he saw the wife and the Other Man in the back seat of a car.

Q. What were they doing?

A. (None. Witness obviously embarrassed, hemmed and hawed, and said nothing.)

Q. (By Judge) You can tell us. What were they doing?

A. Well ...

Q. Yes?

A. Well, they were committing perjury!

From the cross-examination of the wife in a bitter divorce.

Q. Have you been to bed with the butler?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you been to bed with the gardener?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you been to bed with your counsel?

Her counsel leaped to his feet too late to stop her next answer with an objection, so he could only sigh when he heard:

A. No.

Q. Why not?

A. Because he hasn't asked me.

In another Canadian divorce case, the husband delivered these immortal lines:

Q. When you entered the bedroom, what else did you see?

A. I saw my wife in bed with her power mower.

Children, Judge Buchmeyer notes, often have difficulty with The Oath. These examples happened when small children were asked if they new the nature of an oath.

Q. What do you think God would do if you didn't tell the truth?

A. Send me to my room.

Judge: Swear him in.

Q. Now, Bobby, if we let you swear on the Bible that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and then you tell a lie, do you know what would happen to you?

A. Yes, sir. I'd be kicked out of Cubs.

Q. (By stern judge) Now, then, young man, do you attend church or Sunday School?

A. No, sir.

Q. do you know who God is?

A. I don't think so, sir.

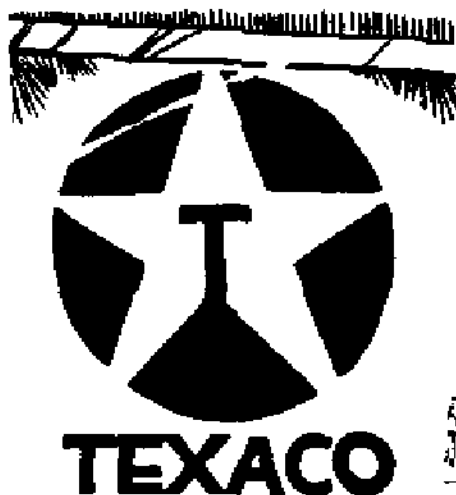
Q. Do you mean you don't know who created the universe?

A. (After a long pause) You?

Which has nothing to do with the old man who was asked in court how far he could see in the dark, and who replied, "I can see the moon and the stars. How far is that?"

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Though many of you have probably never heard of the dispute between Texaco and Pennzoil, it is a hot topic at the UT Law School. Basically, Pennzoil contends that Texaco interfered in buy out negotiations with Getty Oil and a Texas jury agreed with them to the tune of \$10 billion. The case has been on appeal now for several years, and one of the problems is that Texaco refused to post bond in the amount of the judgement (as required by Texas law) in order to appeal the case in the Texas courts. The reason: it would put them out of business (they claim). The latest development is that Texaco, a highly profitable company, has filed for bankruptcy. Below are some Texas editorial cartoons on the subject.



**BANKRUPTCY
MEANS NEVER
HAVING TO SAY
YOU'RE SORRY.**

SCOTTY/By Michael Fry



GFL 1987

First off, some good news for you all, though I can't say that I am thrilled. The trip we had planned in August has been postponed, probably until next March. That means I will probably be here and you can set up preseason games starting August 8 if you like. There has been some discussion regarding having only one roster cut. I am not opposed to that, so unless there is an excellent reason otherwise there will only be one roster cut, due September 1.

We have been discussing some rules changes for the scoring system, so below are some of the suggestions I have received and/or come up with. Please let me know your opinion of each. I will have the scoring rules decided by August 8 so you will know what is going on prior to the roster cut. The Current scoring rules are listed, followed by suggested changes.

QB (based on yards per attempt times passes by GFL team)

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| 250 yards passing | |
| no more than 2 interceptions | Points are |
| 18 completions | 3, 4, or 7 |

Suggested changes are to add a fourth goal and change the interception goal to a percentage. An easy fourth goal to figure would be additional yardage, percentage completions (60%), or yards per attempt average.

RB (based on yards per rush times rushes by GFL team)

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| 100-124 yards | 3 points |
| 125-159 yards | 4 points |
| 160+ yards | 7 points |

One suggested change is to have another yardage goal. Other suggestions are rushing TDs (I don't like having to read how the TD was scored) or a yards per carry average. Making one of these goals could just advance you up one goal from where your yardage puts you.

WR (including receptions by TE and RBs)

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| 250 yards receiving | |
| 18 catches | Points are |
| 13 yards per catch average | 3, 4, or 7 |

Suggestions are to have another goal for additional yardage or number of TDs scored. I could also live with more catches or a higher average, but I don't like the TDs much.

Punters

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| 42-44 yard average | 1 point |
| 45+ average | 1 point |

A suggestion I like is to replace this position altogether with a Special Teams position drafted like a line. Goals would be 43 yard punting average, opponents average return yards less than 15 yards, 10 + average punt return yards, and 25 + average kick return yards.

Kickers

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| No missed extra points | 1 point |
| Each FG made | 1 point |

Several of you have mentioned that there should be a deduction for missed field goals. That is just one more thing I have to worry about, but I am willing to do that if there is a

consensus. Personally I think missing a field goal is enough of a punishment -- you've lost an opportunity to score.

TD One point for each touchdown scored by an individual on your roster.

Some people want to scrap this one. Let me know what you think.

Coach

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| 50-99 penalty yards | -1 point |
| 100 + penalty yards | -2 points |

This is almost a tie breaker. It won't break my heart to scrap it, but I do think the coach should score points some way. Three points for each NFL win?

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| OL | 30+ rushes by NFL team | |
| | 4.5 yards per rush by NFL team | Points are |
| | Less than three sacks | 3, 4, or 7 |

Additional goals might include number of rushing TDs or a total yardage rushing goal. I prefer the latter. It has also been suggested that the lines are already too powerful and should be able to score as many points as three QBs, RBs or WRs. Let me know if you would like to see the lines kept at four goals.

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| DL | 3 or more sacks | |
| | 3 or more fumbles caused | Points are |
| | less than 4 yards per rush | 3, 4, or 7 |

Some people want to replace the fumbles caused. Other goals are rushing TDs by opponent or total yards rushing allowed.

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| DB | Less than 6.5 yards per pass attempt | |
| | At least two interceptions | Points are |
| | Less than 50% completions | 3, 4, or 7 |

Other goals are passing TDs by opponent or more interceptions than passing TDs. Could also include a yardage limit for total passing yards by opponent.

HF Home Field is worth one point.

Some people want to eliminate this point, others want to increase it to 3 points. We could set it at 1.5 and guarantee there aren't any ties, but I have been convinced that tied games are better than tied standings anyway.

There you have it. Please let me know what you think pretty soon. As I said, I would like to have this decided by August 8.

Here are the pertinent deadlines again:

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| JULY 10, 1987 | Draft lists due (Why do I only have 3?) |
| AUGUST 7, 1987 | First preseason NFL game. |
| SEPTEMBER 1, 1987 | Roster cut to 21 (Final roster). |
| SEPTEMBER 13, 1987 | First regular season NFL and GFL game. |

Enclosed for the GFL players are the stats for the 1986 season. If anyone else would like to see these please let me know and I will mail you a copy.

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**That's it for the Independence Day FF! See you in August!**